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## Identification Data

1. [ ] the following locations (Enclosure A):

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Pt. 1 - Kozlovska Street: asphalt; six-seven meters wide; good condition; sand pedestrian walks on either side. Street led from Prerov to the village of Kozlovice (N 49-36, E 18-16) and paralleled the north perimeter of the Meopta Plant area.

Pt. 2 - Meopta Optical Equipment Plant, formerly Opticotechna (Enclosure B).

Pt. 3 - Hospital Area: [ ] hospital (Point 11, Enclosure B) [ ] across Kozlovska Street from Meopta.

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## Site Layout

2. [ ] area in which Meopta was located (Enclosure B):

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Pt. 1 - Meopta Employees' Living Quarters: five modern apartment buildings; white stucco, five or six stories high; flat roofs. [ ] estimated each building to be approximately 200 m. long. Lawns, 20 to 30 m. wide, separated one building from another.

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[ ] believed that these buildings had been built prior to 1950. In June 1953 [ ] noted some construction activity (excavating) in the area

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immediately adjacent to west side of apartment area; this led [redacted] to believe that additional apartments were to be constructed. There were three apartment buildings of similar construction located across Kozlovskia Street from these buildings [redacted]

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Pt. 2. - Kozlovskia Street (Point 1, Enclosure A).

Pt. 3. - Guard Point: on one occasion [redacted] observed a guard walking along the inside of the fence at this point. He carried a rifle and wore a dark blue uniform. [redacted]

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[redacted] believed this guard to be a member of the Zavodni Milice (Plant Police).

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Pt. 4. - Bicycle Shed: approximately 80 x 4 m.; wooden roof; for bicycles of workers.

Pt. 5. - Concrete Area: approximately 400 x 50 m. [redacted]

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Pt. 6. - Building: 400 x 100-120 m.; five or six stories high; constructed of red brick with the exception of the front which [redacted] believed was a dark stuccoed brick. [redacted]

[redacted] Windows were large and numerous, approximately 5-6 m. wide, 1½ m. high, and divided into 4 or 5 sections. The rooms [redacted] were approximately seven by four by three meters and the walls were plaster. Floors were constructed of flagstone. There was conventional electric lighting, and steam heat was supplied possibly from the Central Plant Heating Unit located near the Prerov railroad station, which [redacted] serviced the schools, hospitals, and large office buildings in the city. The building [redacted] was modern in appearance, and [redacted] believed [redacted] to have been constructed during the German occupation. [redacted] the west half of this building; [redacted] contained the administrative offices of Meopta.

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[redacted] Asphalt entrance drive (Point 9) led through building to open area (Point 5). Large wooden doors with high windows were located at each end of driveway.

Pt. 7. - Entrance: [redacted] this entrance [redacted] led to stairs to upper floors.

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Pt. 8. - Guard Office: small room whose location afforded a clear view of main entrance (Point 10) through windows. Guards conducted their business with visitors through a window opening on interior drive side. [redacted]

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[redacted] The guards wore a dark blue uniform with a red band on left arm bearing the words Zavodni Milice (Plant Police). [redacted] they also wore a yellow leather holster belt, and were armed with pistols. [redacted]

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Pt. 9. - Entrance Road: asphalt six meters wide, narrowing to five meters at building entrance.

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Pt. 10. - Main Entrance: for vehicular traffic; six meters wide; pedestrian entrance,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  m. wide on either side of vehicular entrance. There was no guard at the gate, which was wire mesh topped with one strand of barbed wire.

Pt. 11. - Hospital Area: [redacted] located directly across Kozlovská Street from Meopta, extended approximately 400 m. along the street. [redacted] A wire fence [redacted] on top of a low wall enclosed the front which was 25 m. from the street. The area included 11-12 white stuccoed buildings with red tile roofs. Numerous trees were located throughout the hospital area. Individual buildings [redacted] were administrative offices, mortuary, childrens' ward, contagious disease ward, internal disorders ward, chapel, admittance offices, kitchen, and a central heating plant which was nearing completion in the summer of 1953. [redacted]

Pt. 12. - Plant Road: asphalt; five meters wide [redacted] road extended around entire plant area as shown on sketch.

Pt. 13. - Fence: two meters high, wire mesh topped with one strand of barbed wire. [redacted] this fence enclosed the entire Meopta plant.

Pt. 14. - Meopta Shop Building: this building [redacted] was approximately 400 x 150-200 m., and five or six stories high. The building had numerous very large windows. [redacted] the outer walls of the building were stuccoed brick. [redacted] observed many workers through the large windows [redacted]

Pt. 15. - Vehicle Entrance: five or six meters wide, large wooden doors with small windows at top. [redacted]

## Additional Information

i. The optical equipment plant Meopta was formerly called Opticotechna and is still referred to by the latter name by many people in Prerov. The change of the plant name took place prior to [redacted] the late summer of 1950.

Meopta was engaged in the production of lenses to be used in jet aircraft gun sights. [redacted] the sights were completed at Meopta and tested at the Czech air force base southwest of Prerov.

i. [redacted] "many, many" people from Prerov and outlying villages were employed there. Employees worked six days a week; [redacted] two work shifts: 0600 - 1400, and 1400 - 2200.

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Mr. PYTLICEK seemed to be more or less in charge of the small class of students. The class consisted of three officers (one Czech air force lieutenant, two Czech army officers of higher rank), four clerks, and four workers from the shops. Only one of the latter group (Mr. PYTLICEK) completed the course of instruction

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## Personalities

7. PYTLICEK:

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8. VASEK, Jiri:

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9. HANZLIKOVÁ, Jaroslava:

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10. KOLARIK, Ivo:

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## 2 Enclosures

A.  HRANICE, Scale 1:100,000, Pinpoint Location Meopta Optical Equipment Plant, Prerov.

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B.  Sketch of Optical Equipment Plant Meopta, Prerov.

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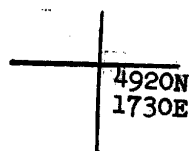
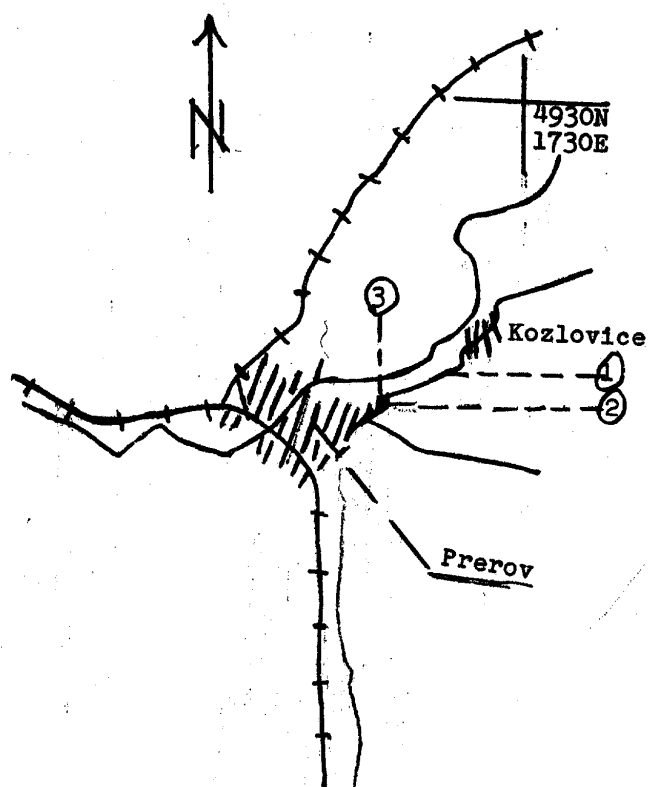
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Enclosure A:

Middle Danube,

Scale 1:100,000, 25X1

Pinpoint Location Meopta Optical Equipment Plant, Prerov.



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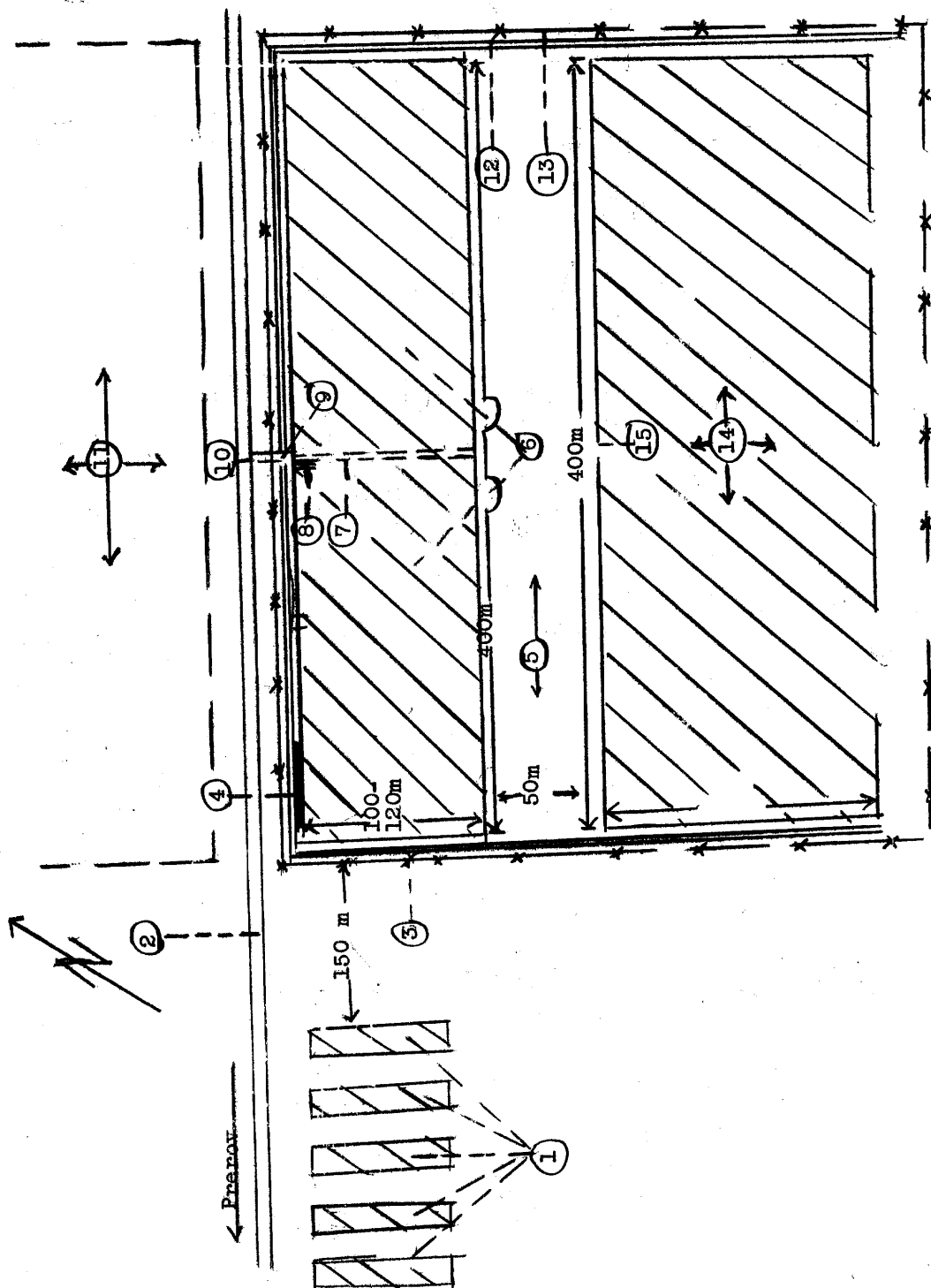
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Enclosure B:

Sketch of Optical Equipment Plant Meopta, Prerov.

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